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Claudette A. Earl Earl Mfg. Co., Inc. PRVY-Controlled/Privacy

RE:

General Notice Letter

Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Earl:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you notice of Earl Mfg. Co., Inc.'s potential liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, at the Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site (the "Site"), in Whittier, California. The Site includes the location of a former refrigerant/solvent recycling operation ("Omega Chemical") located at 12504 and 12512 Whittier Blvd. in Whittier, California, but the term "Site" (as used here) refers to both the former Omega Chemical property and the areal extent (i.e., plume) of contaminated groundwater emanating from the Omega Chemical property.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is spending public funds to investigate and control releases or potential releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants at the Site. Under Sections 106(a) and 107(a) of CERCLA, commonly known as Superfund, Potentially Responsible Parties ("PRPs") may be required to perform cleanup actions to protect the public health, welfare, or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for all costs incurred by EPA in responding to any release or threatened release at the Site. PRPs include current and former owners and operators of facilities at which hazardous substances were released into the environment, persons who arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at a facility ("generators"), and persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport to a facility ("transporters").

EPA has evaluated information obtained through its investigation of the Site and has determined that the facility at 11862 Burke Street, Santa Fe Springs, California is located above the contaminated groundwater plume that originates at and extends approximately three miles downgradient of the Omega Chemical property. The Agency believes that the facility located at

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